

casein, or renneted milk in an amount of at least about 0.1 percent by weight of the composition.

27. The method of claim 1, wherein the composition further comprises one or more of an oil soluble antioxidant or an abrasive.

28. The method of claim 1, wherein the composition is in the form of a toothpaste, mouth rinse, gum, spray, beverage, candy, infant formula, ice cream, frozen dessert, salad dressing, milk preparation, cheese, quark, yogurt, acidified milk, coffee cream or whipped cream.

REMARKS

Original claims 1-10 and new claims 23-28 appear in this application for the Examiner's review and consideration. The new claims are directed to preferred embodiments of the invention that are supported by the specification and original claims 12 and 17-21. Accordingly, there is no issue of new matter for introducing the new claims at this time.

In response to the Examiner's restriction requirement, applicants elect, with traverse, the invention of Group I, claims 1-10, for examination in this application. Accordingly, claims 11-22 have been cancelled without prejudice to applicants' rights to file one or more divisional applications for the subject matter of those claims. Also, new claims 23-28 are method claims that should be included in the group I claims and that should be examined at this time along with claims 1-10.

No fee is believed to be due for the submission of this response. Should any fees be required, please charge such fees to Winston & Strawn deposit account no. 501-814.

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